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## Texas Animal Health Commission Release of Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area In Starr County

(i.e. "Blanket Disease Quarantine")

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) issued a Temporary Preventative Quarantine for portions of Starr and Zapata counties in July of 2007. This quarantine was issued because the TAHC had ascertained that Fever Ticks were present on multiple premises which were located outside of the permanent fever tick quarantine zone in Starr and Zapata counties. Quarantine restrictions were officially released on several smaller areas within this quarantine zone over the last several years and the TAHC is now releasing the last portion still under quarantine in Starr County. This area consists of 33,024 acres.

The TAHC has determined that all areas currently within the quarantine zone have met the requirements for quarantine release and therefore the Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area is released. The release of the quarantine zone rescinds all movement restrictions placed on the livestock within the Temporary Preventative Quarantine Area which is described below, excepting all livestock located within that area and restricted under individual quarantines issued for specific premises or locations.

Therefore, the TAHC is releasing the Temporary Preventative Quarantine area described as follows:

Beginning at the Starr/Zapata County line on US Highway 83 and following the Starr/Zapata County line for approximately 4.6 miles in a northeasterly direction where it intersects with the north fence line of the property identified as Triangulo Cattle Company and the south fence line of the property identified as Las Lomas Ranch; and thence continuing in a southeasterly direction along the shared fence line between the property identified as Triangulo Cattle Company to the south and the property identified as Las Lomas Ranch to the north and continuing along the shared fence line of the property identified as Triangulo Cattle Company to the south and Lucio Eden Gonzalez El Llano Ranch to the north and continuing along the shared fence line between the property identified as Triangulo Cattle Company to the south and Chimney Ranch to the north; and thence following the shared fence line between the property identified as Chimney Ranch to the north and the property identified as Loma Vista Ranch to the south until the shared fence line ends at Loma Blanca County Road; and thence following Loma Blanca County Road in a southerly direction for approximately 11 miles until it intersects with Highway 83, the following Highway 83 in a northwesterly direction

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Therefore, pursuant to provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapters 161 and 167, specifically Sections 167.023 and 167.024 of Chapter 167, this temporary preventative quarantine is now released on the above described area and all animals located therein. This action is also authorized under the regulations for this program which are found in Title 4, Texas Administrative Code, Part 2, Chapter 41 entitled "Fever Ticks". A written permit or certificate from an authorized representative of the TAHC is no longer required for movement from this area excepting premises and/or animals restricted under an individual quarantine.

Witness my hand this 18th day of June, 2015.

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